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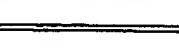
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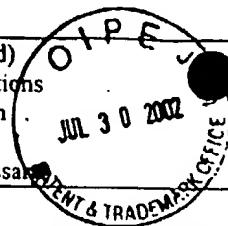
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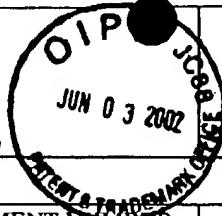
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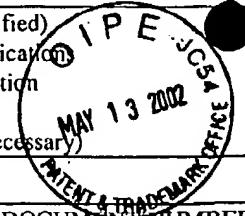
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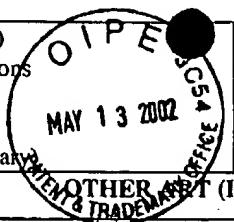
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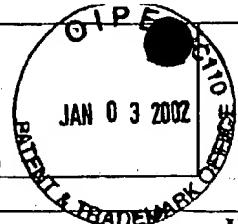
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	A42	3,106,244	10/1963	Parker			
	A43	3,110,345	11/1963	Reed et al.			
	A44	3,113,623	12/1963	Krueger			
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	A54	3,191,679	06/1965	Miller			
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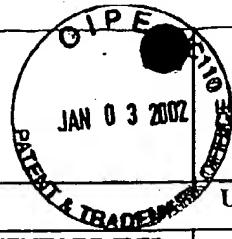
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	A68	3,992,148	11/1975	Child			
	A69	3,993,132	11/1977	Garrett			
	A70	4,016,239	04/1977	Fenton			
	A71	4,076,761	02/1978	Chang et al.			
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	A75	4,130,575	12/1978	Jorn et al.			
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	A140	5,060,726	10/1991	Glandt et al.			
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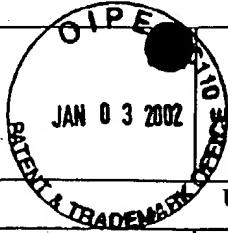
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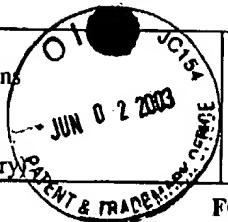
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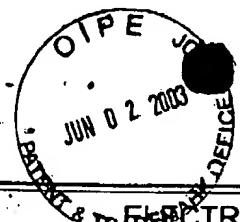
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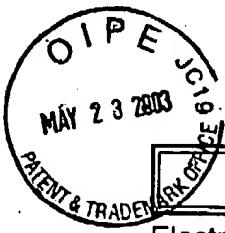
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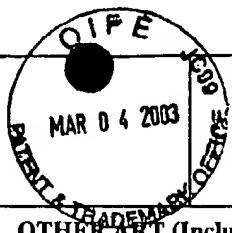
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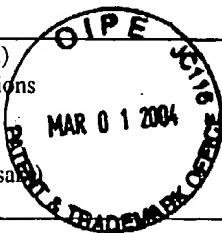
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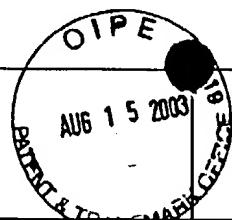


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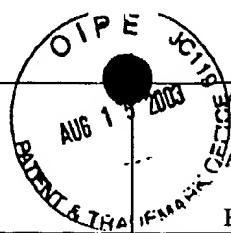
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